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## DISCOVER PLOT TO WAR ON U. S.

GERMANY PLANNED ALLIANCE  
WITH MEXICO AND JAPAN  
AGAINST AMERICA.

## VIRTUALLY ACT OF WAR

Texas, New Mexico and Arizona Were  
To Be Given Carranza As  
Reward.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The Associated Press is enabled to reveal that Germany, in planning unrestricted submarine warfare and counting its consequences, proposed an alliance with Mexico and Japan to make war on the United States, if this country should not remain neutral.

Japan, thru Mexican mediation, was to be urged to abandon her allies and join in the attack on the United States.

Mexico, for her reward, was to receive general financial support from Germany, reconquer Texas, New Mexico and Arizona—lost provinces—and share in the victorious peace terms Germany contemplated.

Details were left to German Minister von Eckhardt in Mexico City, who by instructions signed by German Foreign Minister Zimmermann, at Berlin, January 19, 1917, was directed to propose the alliance with Mexico, to Gen. Carranza and suggest that Mexico seek to bring Japan into the plot.

Herzastorff Intermediary.

These instructions were transmitted to Von Eckhardt thru Count Von Bernstorff, former German Ambassador here, now on his way home to Germany under a safe conduct obtained from his enemies by the country against which he was plotting war.

Germany pictured to Mexico, by broad intimation, England and the Entente Allies defeated; Germany and her allies triumphant and in world domination by the instrument of unrestricted submarine warfare.

A copy of Zimmermann's instructions to Von Eckhardt, sent thru von Bernstorff, is in possession of the United States Government. It is as follows:

Berlin, January 19, 1917.

"On the first of February we intend to begin submarine warfare unrestricted. In spite of this, it is our intention to endeavor to keep neutral the United States of America.

"If this attempt is not successful, we propose an alliance on the following basis with Mexico: That we shall make war together and together make peace. We shall give general financial support, and it is understood that Mexico is to reconquer the lost territory in New Mexico, Texas and Arizona. The details are left to you for settlement.

To Urge Japan to Enter Plot.

"You are instructed to inform the President of Mexico of the above in the greatest confidence as soon as it is certain that there will be an outbreak of war with the United States and suggest that the President of Mexico, on his own initiative, should communicate with Japan, suggesting adherence at once to this plan at the same time, offer to mediate between Germany and Japan.

Please call to the attention of the President of Mexico that the employment of ruthless submarine warfare now promises to compel England to make peace in a few months.

"(Signed) ZIMMERMANN."

## SIMPSON WHEAT GROWERS RIDICULE HENDERSON YARN

Franklin, Ky., Feb. 23.—The decision of the Henderson county wheat growers to plow up their wheat fields, under the belief that the crop had been killed by blizzards, was ridiculed by the best wheat growers in this county today. The winter has not been less severe in this part of the state than in Henderson county, and the wheat could not possibly look worse, yet John Hatter, one of the county's best growers and a practical authority, insists that the roots are not killed, and that he will make thirty-five bushels to the acre on one fifty-acre field. Others say that by May 1 one may determine whether the blizzard has seriously damaged

## Escorting Sergeant W. C. Liles' Remains to the Station at El Paso.



The cut shows the procession enroute from the Peak Undertaking establishment to the Union Station, El Paso, Tex. The order of the units in a military funeral march is, band, armed escort, chaplain and company officers, (right to left, Chaplain Malincroft, First Ky. Inf., Capt. Shown and Lieut. Barnett), hearse with pall bearers on either flank and the company in rear. In the picture the band and armed escort do not show.

## OHIO COUNTY BOY STARTS TO SEE WORLD

Herbert Lee Griffith, fourteen-year-old son of W. T. Griffith, of Ohio county, near Fordsville, is being sought by the police department as a runaway from home. The father of the youth arrived in Owensboro Tuesday morning and accompanied the police on a search for his missing son. The boy has not been located.

According to Mr. Griffith the boy, who is of a quiet and studious nature, left his home Monday morning to attend school. Instead of going to his school he came on to Owensboro. He walked the entire distance of twenty-five miles. Monday night he spent with friends and left their home early Tuesday morning.

Inquiry at the whariboats developed the boy had been seen making an effort to get away on the steamer Tarascon. He was set ashore and no trace has been found of him since. Young Griffith told a school mate he proposed to go to Chicago and earn a living. The lad is slight for his age, weighing ninety-five pounds. He has blue eyes and light hair and was dressed in an overall suit when he left home.—Owensboro Messenger.

## URGES THAT MOTHER AND SISTER BE AVENGED

Washington, Feb. 28.—President Wilson has received the following cablegram from Austin Y. Hoy, whose mother and sister were lost when the Laconia was torpedoed without warning by a German submarine:

"I am an American citizen representing the Sullivan Machinery Company, of Chicago, living abroad, not as an expatriate, but for the promotion of American trade. I love the flag, believing in its significance. My beloved mother and sister, passengers on the Laconia, have been foully murdered on the high seas.

"As an American citizen outraged, and as such fully within my rights, and as an American son and brother bereaved, I call upon my Government to preserve its citizens' self-respect and save others of my countrymen from such deep grief as I now feel. I am of military age, able to fight. If my country can use me against these brutal assassins I am at its call.

"If it stultifies my manhood and my nation's by remaining passive under outrage, I shall seek a man's chance under another flag."

## OHIO COUNTY COUPLE MARRIED IN ROCKPORT

Hubert A. Burdette, a well known farmer, and Miss Rena Wilson, both of Ohio county, were married in Rockport, Ind., Wednesday afternoon. The marriage ceremony was performed in the office of the county Clerk of Spencer county by Esq. Harry Poole. After the ceremony the couple returned to their home.—Owensboro Messenger.

## FISCAL COURT VOTES TO GUARANTEE FUND

WILSON AND BARNES GO TO  
FRANKFORT AUTHORIZED TO  
PLEDGE COUNTY.

At an extra session of the Ohio Fiscal Court Tuesday morning the court voted to pledge the county to build its part of the Federal Highway should the central route be selected. Practically no opposition developed to pledging the county for \$20,000 and the action of the court caused great rejoicing among good road advocates in every section of the county.

At a mass meeting held in Hartford Saturday afternoon resolutions asking the Fiscal Court to make the appropriation, or rather pledging the county to build its part of the road, were adopted. These resolutions were read before the court Tuesday. The meeting Saturday was well attended and the resolutions were adopted without a dissenting vote.

Judge Wilson and Mr. John H. Barnes, of Beaver Dam, went to Frankfort Wednesday to be there for the meeting yesterday. They are clothed with authority to pledge Ohio county to put up her proportion and to use all methods to induce the commission to adopt the central route. Other counties along the central route sent large delegations to the meeting. The Republican had arranged for a wire from Frankfort yesterday when a decision was reached but as no word was received it is supposed that the matter is still under consideration.

## ARCHIMEDES INVENTED FIRST KNOWN ELEVATOR

London, Feb. 24.—The earliest mention of a device in any way resembling the modern elevator or lift may be read in Vitruvius, who describes a hoisting machine which was invented by Archimedes. This elevator of the second century B. C. was worked by ropes which were coiled upon a winding drum by a capstan and levers.

The same writer refers to another similar machine which was made to rotate by a man who walked inside the capstan. Such a primitive elevator is still in use to lift passengers and freight from the first to the second story of a convent on Mount Sinai.

## BIG INCREASES SHOWN BY THE STATE BANKS

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 24.—Kentucky's share in the general prosperity of the country is shown by a statement of the condition of the state banks January 27, as compared with the report of August 17, issued by State Banking Commissioner Geo. G. Speer. Deposits increased \$17,750,000, the amount totaling \$64,434,552.58. Loans and discounts increased over \$4,500,000. Overdrafts were reduced \$17,000. Total surplus increased \$200,000 and undivided net profits over \$129,000.

## SERGT. LILES GIVEN HONORS AT EL PASO

MILITARY SERVICES HELD BEFORE  
HOMEWARD JOURNEY  
WAS BEGUN.

At four o'clock in the afternoon of February 22, 1917, the military funeral services for First Sergt. William C. Liles, Co. H, 3rd Ky. Inf., were held in the chapel of the Peak Undertaking Co., El Paso, Tex. Chaplain Hawkins, 3rd Ky. Inf., being ill at the time, Chaplain Malincroft, 1st Ky. Inf., was in charge.

The ceremonies of a military funeral are very impressive and where circumstances will permit they follow certain lines as prescribed in Army Regulations. The armed escort for the deceased consisted of fourteen men commanded by a sergeant and the pall bearers were chosen from among the first sergeants of other companies in the regiment.

After services in the chapel conducted by the chaplain the flag draped casket was carried out between the two files of the escort which stood at "present arms" until the doors of the hearse were closed. All others present stood at "salute." The procession was then formed to march thru the city to the Union Station. A mounted traffic officer rode in advance followed by the band, the armed escort, the chaplain and company officers, the hearse with three pall bearers on either side and the company, in the order named. The band commenced the wailing strains of the funeral dirge and, keeping step with its slow measure, the procession moved on. All traffic gave way and all soldiers on the streets stood at "salute" as the hearse passed them. Upon reaching the depot the escort and company formed facing the side of the hearse and came to "present arms" and "salute" while the casket was placed in the shipping box. Then came the last and most touching part of the ceremony—blowing "taps" over the remains. Those who have not heard the moaning notes of this bugle call upon such an occasion have not experienced the deepest of life's thrills. As the last note of the bugle quavered and died in the distance the final tribute to a departing soldier had been paid and the men of Company H could do no more.

The Hartford lodge of Masons took charge of the remains at Beaver Dam Sunday morning and the procession proceeded to Mt. Hermon, a short stop being made at Hartford. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Harper and burial services impressively rendered by the Masons.

So large was the number of friends gathered for a last tribute that many were forced to remain outside the church. Among the floral offerings was a beautiful blanket in the center of which was a large American flag made of flowers. It was contributed by Company H.

The death of Sergt. Liles is the third loss for the regiment since the call of the President on June 29, 1916. One was accidentally shot and the other and this were deaths

from pneumonia. The high altitude is offered as explanation for the mortality in cases of pneumonia. It is said that the effect of rare atmosphere on the heart make high fever very dangerous in the return to normal. It is known to the writer that patients in the military hospital have the very best of attention and that no charge of neglect of patients has ever been made against any of the nurses or physicians.

## How The Courier Sees Beckham.

The hypocrisy of the beverage politician who is a prohibitionist for office only never was more publicly and clearly proved than in the debate in the United States Senate, in which Mr. Beckham, of Kentucky, was made to admit that he does not favor real and unqualified prohibition. Nobody in Kentucky, upon either side of the argument, can be greatly surprised to learn how Mr. Beckham feels about the matter. The news lies not in the revelation of the senator's state of mind, but in the delightfully amusing fact that he was backed into a parliamentary corner and compelled to put himself upon record as not being an advocate of anything so shocking, so revolutionary as prohibition actually prohibiting the use of whisky.—Courier-Journal.

## Ford—Crowe.

Miss Lorena E. Ford and Mr. H. E. Crowe were married at the Methodist parsonage here Wednesday, February 21, by Rev. B. W. Napier. The wedding was kept secret until the couple had departed for Springfield, Ohio, where they will reside in the future.

Mrs. Crowe is the daughter of Mrs. Dudley Ford, who lives on Route 5. Mr. Crowe is in the employ of the Springfield City Railway Co.

## Thomas—Brashear.

Announcement is made of the marriage in Louisville of Mr. James Brashear and Miss Isabel Thomas. Mr. Brashear is a former Owensboro boy, but for the past eight years has been salesmanager of a Fourth street shoe house in Louisville. Miss Thomas is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thomas, of Narrows. Miss Thomas was formerly a teacher in the Ohio county schools but for the past two years has been cashier in a Fourth street business house in Louisville.

## Maddox—Blades.

Miss Beatrice Maddox and Mr. Russell Blades, of Rockport, were married in Louisville Saturday. The bride is the daughter of the late Geo. M. Maddox, while the groom is the son of Mr. Robert Blades. Both young people are well known.

Concerning the wedding the Louisville Times says the following:

Mr. and Mrs. P. O. McKinney, of Rockport, Ky., announce the marriage of Miss Beatrice Lee Maddox, of Rockport, to Mr. Russell Thomas Blades, of Detroit, Mich., which took place on Saturday, February 24, at 4 p. m., at the residence of the Rev. Mr. Byland in Louisville. The bride wore a coat suit of blue Bolivia cloth and a corsage bouquet of Mrs. Ward roses. After the ceremony the young couple left immediately for Detroit, where they will make their home.

## AMERICANS LOST ON CUNARD SHIP

TWO WOMEN AMONG VICTIMS  
WHEN TORPEDO SENDS LA-  
CONIA DOWN.

## MEET WITH HARDSHIPS

Survivors Float For Hours In Rag-  
ing Seas After Attack of Ger-  
man Submarine.

Washington, Feb. 27.—The sinking of the Cunarder Laconia by a German submarine was stated officially to-day to constitute a clear-cut violation of American rights.

Conclusive official information at the State Department shows that two American women lost their lives, that if four other Americans among the passengers and the fourteen among the crew were saved, it was only by good fortune, and that the vessel was sunk without warning in direct defiance of all the principles for which the United States has stood.

Consul Frost's reports from the survivors landed at Queenstown and Bantry show that the vessel was struck by a torpedo without warning at 10:30 Sunday night 150 miles off Fastnet when the steamer was traveling at seventeen or eighteen knots on her voyage from New York to Liverpool. The engine was stopped as the ship listed to starboard, wireless calls were flashed broadcast and six large rockets were sent up. Thirteen boats with passengers and crew got away and scattered over two or three miles to prevent collisions in a high sea rolling in twelve-foot swells.

## Second Torpedo Fired.

About twenty minutes after the first torpedo, the reports add, and while some of the boats were still nearby, a second torpedo was driven into the vessel, which sank three-quarters of an hour after the original attack. The small boats with survivors pitched about during the long hours of the night until rescue came. During this time the two American women, Mrs. Mary E. Hoy and Miss Elizabeth Hoy, of Chicago, died of exposure and were buried at sea. There were several other deaths, but not of Americans.

No further facts are needed by this Government, it was stated officially, and no inquiry of any sort is necessary to establish the facts of the case. Officials are entirely clear in their belief that Germany has committed the act which President Wilson has said it was impossible for him to believe she would commit.

Both White House and State Department officials seem to feel that the answer must come from Congress. The President, they point out, asked for authority to take steps to prevent just such an act at the very moment when the first news was coming over the cables.

## MARRIAGE LICENSE ISSUED SINCE OUR LAST REPORT

J. W. Ferguson, Horse Branch, to Chloe Sanders, Horse Branch.

S. L. Basham, Askins, to Victoria Wilson, Rosine.

Walter Ford, Horton, to Mary E. Jewell, Hartford, R. 2.

Alva Magan, Dundee, to Commie Edge, Adaburg.

Clyde Boyd, Centertown, to Annie Maude Durbin, Sunnydale.

H. E. Crowe, Springfield, O., to Lorena E. Ford, Hartford, R. 5.

Columbus W. Vineyard, Beaver Dam, R. 3, to Lena Taylor Clark, McHenry.

Bradley Thomas, Hartford, R. 1, to Dora May, Hartford, R. 2.

C. T. Miller, Springfield, O., to Nellie King, Hartford, Ky.

## "PROBE" ATTORNEY WILL RECEIVE \$15,000 FOR WORK

Washington, Feb. 26.—Shorman L. Whipple, of Boston, will receive \$15,000 for the work of himself and assistants as counsel to the House Rules committee in the peace note leak inquiry.

The total cost of the inquiry, Chairman Henry said to-day, would not exceed \$50,000.